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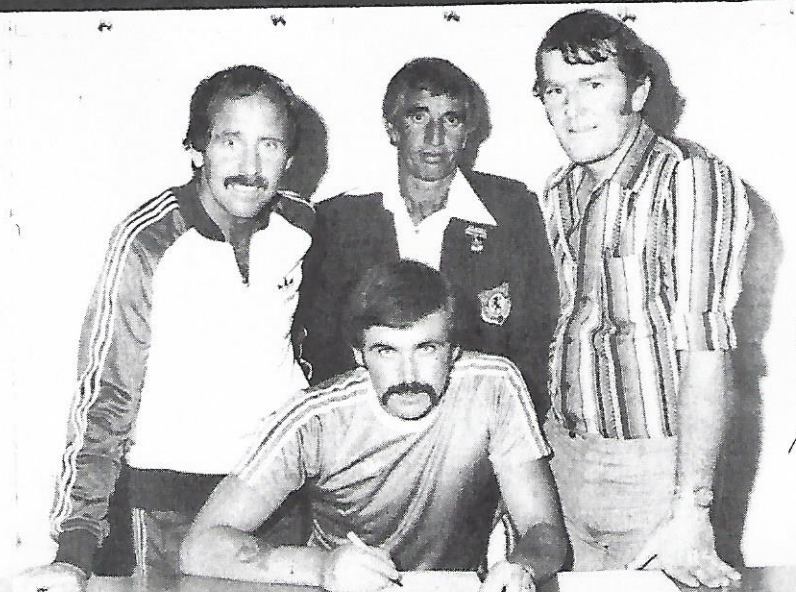
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# Focus on Victoria



Juventus striker Mendo Ristovski (left) is renowned for his fierce shooting. Here he shows how its done as Doveton defender Peter Thurlow is in pursuit.



Former Essendon Croatia player-coach John Gardiner signs with Green Gully Ajax. In the foreground are, from left to right, Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan, committeeman Paul Azzopardi and president Guy Spiteri.



Juventus keeper Alex Fantoma has no chance of stopping this penalty from Doveton's Arthur Cherie.



Hard working Doveton midfielder Jim Train (second from left), breaks through a group of three Juventus defenders.

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**Victorino the  
invincible**

TOKYO — THE golden boot of Uruguayan striker Waldemar Victorino took the World Club Championship back to South America when he scored the only goal of the game for Nacional of Montevideo against England's Nottingham Forest.

His 10th minute goal clinched a remarkable double in the past few weeks, as it was Victorino who also scored the winning goal for his country against Brazil in the final of last month's Gold Cup.

South American champion Nacional started with inter-continental showdown in front of 65,000 fans at the Olympic Stadium as favorite having arrived here more than a week ago to prepare and acclimatise.

European champion Forest only arrived 24 hours before the match, having fought out a 1-1 draw with Manchester City in the English first division last Saturday.

The Uruguayans were the quicker into their stride, and took the lead after ten minutes when Victorino ran onto a pass from Jose Moreira to slot the ball past Peter Shilton.

It is the second time Nacional has won the coveted championship. It also won it in 1971, beating Panathinaikos Athens 1-1 and 2-1 on a home-and-away basis.

The 28-year-old Victorino, whose shot at the goal is said to have a speed at about 200k/h, won a Toyota Celica 1600 car for being voted "the most valuable player of the



## What do you think, Les, Tony, Len, Leo?

I wonder how Rudi Gutendorf's large team of assistants reacted to his recent suggestion that Tommy Docherty should help with the Socceroos' preparation during the World Cup campaign.

Docherty must have secret dossiers on the players of New Zealand, Indonesia, Iraq, South Korea and Kuwait.

He must have made a detailed study of the Socceroos themselves. Why else would Gutendorf see the need to call on Docherty's services?

And if so, then Leo Baumgartner, Les Scheinflug, Joe Vlastics, Tony Boggi, Bobby McLachlan, Len McKendry, Ron Corry, Denis Adreagan and the others who have helped Rudi, should not feel in any way slighted. But if Docherty does not have these qualifications to be Rudi's adviser, I wouldn't blame the above-mentioned brains trust for feeling somewhat insulted.

Make no mistake. I have the highest respect for Tommy Docherty. He's done it all in top-level soccer. He certainly knows his stuff. But to me it is absolutely laughable that after only a few weeks in this country, the man should be considered as national team advisor, or assistant, or whatever.

Has Rudi lost confidence in the people working with him? Has he lost confidence in himself, that he needs so much help?

From what I've heard, the Docherty suggestion even was discussed at a meeting of the ASF's World Cup committee. Apparently it was rejected because it was believed Docherty's fee might be too high.

While on the subject, Rudi was quoted in the "Sydney Morning Herald" as saying that my 1974 national team included only one Australian-born player, Johnny Warren.

Let me say that every player who accepts naturalisation, is an Australian player. We happen to live in a multicultural society.

The boys who wear the Green and Gold are as Australian as any other Australian, regardless of where they were born.

They were all Australians because they were all naturalised. In those days, overseas-born players were included in the national team only if they were naturalised.

There really is no need to talk about degrees of "Australianism" when we're discussing the national team.

However, just for the record, the 1974 squad did not include only one Australian-born player. What about Col Curran, Ray Baartz, Harry Williams, Max Tolson,



**RALE RASIC**

Ernie Campbell, Allan Maher, Jim Fraser, Jimmy Milisavljevic? And then there were others who came to Australia at a very young age and learned all their soccer here — Attila Abonyi, Manfred Schaefer, John Watkins, Billy Vojtek, Ray Richards.

Adelaide City needs and deserves the help of all South Australians, not only Italians.

The club is experiencing serious financial difficulties and it makes no secret of them. Adelaide City is the first to declare its difficulties. Others will follow.

But Adelaide City has a proud tradition and it has served its State well. In 1977, the first year of the PSL, it was generally regarded as the best administered club in the league, and had the strongest crowd support in Australia.

It has boasted Socceroos galore — Gary Marochi, Bobby Russell, John and Bugsy Nyskohus, Agenor Muniz, David Jones — and it has youth internationals as well, like David Mitchell for example.

I urge all South Australians to get behind Adelaide City in supporting whatever fund-raising activities it comes up with, and especially by going to the games.



Peter Boyle (left) of West Adelaide, holds off Heidelberg's John Yzendoorn.

# Kosmina heads list of the top 12 buys

Who are the top recruits of 1981?

"Soccer Action" has compiled a list of the top dozen, in order of their value to their new clubs.

In compiling the list, "Soccer Action" took into account to which extent the recruits were actually strengthening the teams they had joined.

We came up with the following list:

## 1. JOHN KOSMINA

(West Adelaide to Sydney City for \$20,000)

Has scored 27 PSL league and Cup goals.

Scored 12 goals in 38 games for Australia.

Had a year with Arsenal in England.

Represented South Australia and NSW.

## 2. CLIVE CAMPBELL

(Mt. Wellington, NZ, to Wollongong Wolves)

1979 Auckland Player of the Year.

Played 17 games for New Zealand.

Played for Blockhouse



Peter Katholos



John Kosmina (left) tackles Heidelberg's Jim Tansey.

Bay which won the 1970 NZ league-Cup double.

Five games for New Zealand under 21 side.

Played also for Eastern Suburbs and Blockhouse Bay

Rated New Zealand's finest goalscoring winger.

## 3. BRIAN TURNER

(Mt. Wellington, NZ, to Wollongong Wolves for about \$4,000).

New Zealand's longest-serving international, with 82 caps.

Midfielder or forward, will partner Campbell in Wollongong's attack.

## 4. JIM SHIRRA

(Dundee, Scotland, to South Melbourne for undisclosed fee).

Eight years with Falkirk, transferred for \$80,000 to Aberdeen.

Went to Dundee in 1977 for \$80,000.

Scottish B international. Twice voted best player of Falkirk.

## 5. STEVE SUMNER

(Christchurch United to Newcastle KB United).

National captain of New Zealand, capped 43 times

(Helped Christchurch United win three national league championships and three Cups.

## 6. PETER BOYLE

(Port Adelaide to West Adelaide)

West Adelaide slumped after he left early last year, and his return has given team mates new motivation.

Has played one game for Australia and many for South Australia.

## 7. JOHN STEVENSON

(Sydney City to South Melbourne for \$17,000)

Two games for Australia.

Played for St. Johnstone in Scotland.

Joined Sydney City in 1975.

## 8. ZDENKO KAFKA

(Sydney Croatia to Leichhardt Strikers for \$15,000)

Played for Dinamo Zagreb in Yugoslavia.

Joined Sydney Croatia in early 1980.

Signed by Leichhardt after playing in NSW's 2-1

## 9. DOUGLAS BROWN

(Sheffield United to Preston)

Brilliant 22-year-old midfielder who has played top soccer for Aberdeen, Clydebank, and Stanraer as well as Sheffield Utd.

Nicknamed "Netzer" after the great German international.

## 10. JOHN MASSL

(Telstar, Holland, to Canberra City).

Very tall central defender whose clearance is still in doubt.

Is back in Holland at the moment, talking with former club Telstar about his clearance.

Showed brilliant control and defensive leadership in trial match.

## 11. WILLIE MURRAY

(Hibernian to Sydney City)

25-year-old winger, made 75 appearances and scored seven goals for Hibernian.

Played on the opposite wing to George Best while Best was at Hibernian.

## 12. PETER KATHOLOS

(St. George to Sydney Olympic for \$18,500)

19-year-old midfielder

win against Dinamo Zagreb.

who was in the national youth squad.

Joined St. George from Marrickville-Olympic.

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Coach Brian Edgley says: "They would be the best ever to come to this country."

He says he's 90% sure of getting them, but he won't mention names yet.

It is believed, however, that they are from Wales.

Meanwhile, striker Gary Ward has recovered from his broken leg and is expected to be back in action within the next three or four weeks.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



# PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY					Gls	Pts
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Newcastle KB	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3:0	2
Wollongong	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3:1	2
Brisb. City	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2:1	2
Sydney City	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1:0	2
Canberra	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1:0	2
Sth. Melbourne	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1:0	2
Heidelberg	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	2:2	1
Brisbane Lions	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	2:2	1
Leichhardt	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2:2	1
Blacktown	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2:2	1
West Adelaide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1:2	0
Marconi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0:1	0
Preston	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0:1	0
Adelaide City	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0:1	0
Sydney Olympic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1:3	0
Footscray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0:3	0

## PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

PEZZANO  
(Syd. C)

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(Blacktown)

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(L'hardt)

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(Can.)

DAVIDSON  
(Sth Melb)

SELEMIDIS  
(H'berg)

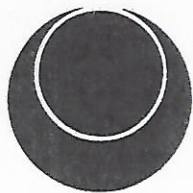
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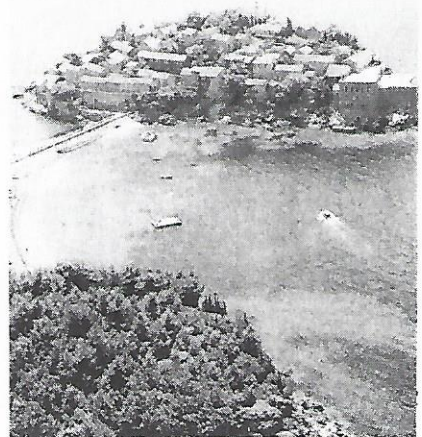
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STH. MELBOURNE 1 (Evans) MARCONI 0 at Middle Park:

6. Evans (SM), 5. Davidson (SM), 4. Buljevic (SM), 3. Rogers (SM), 2. Stevenson (SM), 1. Maher (Marc).

WOLLONGONG 3 (Campbell 2, McBrean) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Moullis) at Wollongong Showgrounds:

6. Campbell (W), 5. Tredinnick (W), 4. K. Wilson (SO), 3. de Graaf (W), 2. Dunleavy (W), 1. Meier (SO).

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Wilkinson, Palinkas) WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Perry o.g.) at Spencer Park.

6. Coe (BC), 5. Dunne (BC), 4. Boyle (WA), 3. Wilkinson (BC), 2. Pimblett (BC), 1. Bozanic (WA).

ADELAIDE CITY 0 SYDNEY CITY 1 (Kosmina) at Hindmarsh Stadium:

6. Pezzano (SC), 5. Kosmina (SC), 4. Mitchell (AC), 3. Russell (AC), 2. Watson (SC), 1. Rogers (SC).

LEICHHARDT 2 (Hughes 2) HEIDELBERG 2 (Cole pen., Bozikas) at Lambert Park:

6. P. Wilson (L), 5. Selemidis (H), 4. Hughes (L), 3. Cole (H), 2. Rooney (H), 1. Kafka (L).

PRESTON 0 CANBERRA 1 (R. O'Shea) at Connor Reserve: 6. T. Byrne, 5. Ollerton, 4. Higham, 3. J. O'Shea, 2. R. O'Shea, 1. Petrovski.

BLACKTOWN 2 (O'Donnell pen., Hormazabal) BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Hogg, Bennett) at Gabbie Reserve:

6. Djordjevic (Black), 5. Hermiston (BL), 4. Bennett (BL), 3. Selvaige (Black), 2. Miliman (BL), 1. Culina (Black).

NEWCASTLE KB 3 (McClelland 2, Buckley) FOOTSCRAY 0 at International Sports Centre:

6. McClelland (N), 5. Senkalski (N), 4. Bertogina (N), 3. Boland (P), 2. Reaney (N), 1. Dickinson (N).



# Will Soccerroo duties hold back Marconi?

Marconi coach Raul Blanco is worried that the international commitments of his players may affect their chances in the PSL championship.

Some will have to change their style of play as they alternate between Marconi and the national team.

Eddie Krncevic is one of them. Blanco has put Krncevic back into the central striker's position, whereas he plays deep on the flank for Australia.

"At times he still attempts to go back when

there's no need. He's got used to it." Blanco said this week.

"It will take time for him to settle down again in this position." Blanco faces another problem, in that he will lose players for long periods during national team training camps and match commitments.

This week, after the game against South Mel-

bourne, Allan Maher, Ivo Prskalo, Tony Henderson, Peter Sharpe, and Eddie Krncevic stayed in Melbourne for the clash with Nacional of Uruguay to-night (Wednesday). Marconi's training went ahead in Sydney without the club's Soccerroos.

Heidelberg, which has a large Soccerroo contingent, will face similar problems this year.

Blanco explained the change he has tried to bring about in Marconi's play.

"It's good to attack but if you attack all the time and leave yourself wide open to the opposition, then you're not playing soccer. These players have always tried to play very, very fast, but they have to be more patient. If they don't see any possibilities upfield, they must wait. Soccer is for intelligent people. They must think very carefully.

"If, in boxing, you are not ready, then I will throw a punch. If you are on guard, I will wait.

"So far, Marconi has had only one gear. We are trying to introduce a second gear."

— LAURIE SCHWAB

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## Watch Nicolaides

As if competition at South Melbourne wasn't hot enough already, we now have a new candidate for a full back position.

His name is Socrates Nicolaides.

For many years a junior State representative, Nicolaides has had a few games for South Melbourne in midfield and up front.

"As a full back, he could walk into any Philips League side," says coach John Margaritis.

"Alan Davidson can't believe his eyes when he watches Nicolaides."

Unfortunately for Nicolaides, the South Melbourne full back positions are held by Vince Bannon, who was the club's player of the year in 1980, and Soccerroo Davidson.

Meanwhile, the competition

for other position continues, especially in attack.

Asked who was going to fill the forward roles, Margaritis said before Sunday's game against Marconi, "I might have to toss up."

Margaritis, strongly resists any suggestion that South Melbourne is the leading candidate for the title.

"People were saying at the ground that we have the premiership in our pocket. That's ridiculous. It is a marathon season. There's nothing wrong with Marconi, or Sydney City, or Newcastle.

"We'll be trying, of course, but it will be harder than ever, even though we do have an improved team this year."

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## PSL ON TV

The first PSL programme on Channel 0 will include coverage of Adelaide City v Sydney City South Melbourne v Marconi and Newcastle KB v Footscray games. The programme will be shown at 8.30 pm on Friday.

# Xanthopoulos? You'll have to change that one, mate!

From page one

reckon that pair should be nick-named Dad and Dave after the greatest little double act to grace any Aussie history book.

The Rams is a silly name for Preston. Merinos is more appropriate.

And the Olympians is downright crazy. There've been a hell of a lot of Olympians mate, but there's been none better than our own Dawn Fraser. The Dawn Frasers are more in keepin' with yer Aussiefyn' policy.

What's Demons got to do with Blacktown? The Blacktown Bushfires is the best bet. Now we're gettin' real dinky di.

I ain't never seen a leopard in all the years I've been walkin' the bush so what's the story with the Macaroni Leopards? If yer lookin' for a right good Aussie animal you can't go past the mighty little wombat. The Macaroni Wombats sounds just fine to me.

And what's this I hear about Gladiators up in Brisbane? The greatest fighting unit this country's seen were those blokes who braved Gallipoli. The Brisbane Anzacs is a fitting nick-name for a fearsome fighting unit.

When it comes to calling KB united the Raiders, well I'm staggered, I really am. The mob up Newcastle way is sponsored by Tooth's so why don't we call them the Six Packs?

Now, these beaut ideas are fine but I've also been thinkin' 'bout some of the names of the players here. Names like Xanthopoulos, Christopoulos, Bertogna and the like. I think you know which sort of names I'm referring to.

Let's give 'em good Aussie names like Wally, Curly and Bodgie.

It's gonna be a great day when I pick up me local rag and have a squit at the real Orstralian national team. I can just picture it, Wally Newcombe, Harry Billabong, Donger Chappell, Curly Laver, Sydney Whitlam and Bluey Goole-gong, names a man can be proud of when he goes along to cheer the good old green and gold.

As for this Rudi whatsisname and his bloody spiral system it looks to me like everyone's running around in ever bloody decreasing circles until they disappear up their own thingmijiggers. The good old boomerang system proved a beauty at the back of Bon-beach High and it can work just as good for the national team. Rolf Harris is the man to get in touch with if youse are dead keen on using the old boomerang style.

Well, seein' as how I've had me full ten overs I'll retire to the fence and wait to hear from youse blokes.

Your idea's a ripper but think about what I've said. If youse want to get in touch with me I'll be at the back of the bar in the beaut new social rooms at the Merinos 'round Yours in Aussie sport, Bluey.

Well what do you reckon? Not a bad little letter, eh?

I reckon the dinky dies up at the old Pie and Sauce headquarters will be down to talk to old Bluey in a flash.

In between times I better give youse me tips for this Sunday's good old Aussie games.

There's a couple of beauties in Melbourne but I reckon the Heidelberg Famechons are gonna really make the Wollongong Gunstons bleed.

Over at Banjo Patterson Reserve (Formerly Schintler Reserve), the Footscray Kingsford Smiths (formerly the Eagles) should make a safe landing and share the points with the Leichhardt Builders and Laborers (formerly the Strikers).

The Macaroni Wombats are gonna waddle over the top of the Preston Merinos up in good old Sydney town and just a stone's throw away I reckon the other two Sydney games will be well worth watchin'.

At Barton Stadium the Sydney Dawn Frasers have ruffled a few feathers in official circles and look unlikely to

compete against the South Melbourne Dunny Doors (formerly the Gunners).

At the Sydney Athletic Field the Sydney Swaggies (formerly the Slickers) should break through the gallant rearward action of the Brisbane Anzacs and capture two points.

And I'll bare me bum in Bourke Street if the New-castle Six Packs aren't bubblin' with energy and ready to sink the hopes of the Brisbane Witchety Grubs (formerly the Lions) at Bjelke Petersen Stadium (formerly Richlands Stadium).

Life won't be easy for the Adelaide Whackers (formerly the Giants) when they have a prang with the Canberra Woomearas (formerly the Arrows) at Bruce Stadium. I reckon the Whackers won't accept the umpire's decision at the end of the day.

The Adelaide Haydens (formerly the Hawks) go down the middle too often and they'll get their fingers burnt when the Blacktown Bushfires rush through the Dunstan Stadium (formerly Hindmarsh Stadium). If the Bushfires have first use of the breeze the game'll be in ruins by half time.

Well, that's Bluey's fair dinkum tips for this week-end's good old Aussie games in the Pie and Sauce League.

For the good of Aussie soccer let's hope all youse barrackers (formerly spectators) give the missus the heave ho and pop down to barrack (formerly cheer) for your local mob.

If I don't catch up with youse this Sunday arvo I may bump into youse in Flinders Lane (formerly Spain) in 1982.

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## Newcastle KB 3 Footscray 0

Ground: International Sports Centre.  
Weather: Fine and sunny with strong N.E. winds.  
Cautions: Kyriakoulas (F) 47th Plicios 81st  
Crowd: 5619  
Referee: Jim Reeves 8  
Scorers: McClelland 2, Buckley.  
Newcastle KB: Dando 7, Reaney 8, Curran 7, Drinkwater 8, Bertogno 8, Sumner 7, Senkalski 8, Buckley 7, Heys 7, McClelland 9, Jones 7. Replacements: C. Mason 7 for Sumner in the 77th.

**MATCH RATING:**  
**7**

## Wollongong 3 Sydney Olympic 1

Scorers: Wollongong: Campbell 2, McBrean; Olympic: Moulis  
Ground: Wollongong Showgrounds  
Weather: fine and warm (about 28 deg)  
Crowd: About 5500 (incl. free passes)  
Referee: Tony Boskovic 7  
WOLLONGONG: Preston 7 - Fleming 7, Dunleavy 8, de Graaf 8, Dickson 8  
McBrean 7, Adams 8, Lathan 7, Tradinick 8  
- Turner 7 (Fontana 70th), Campbell 9.  
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8 - Moulis 6, Wilson 8, Zeros 6, Palmer 6 - Houssaini 7, Katholos 7, Cork 6 (Gaving 65th) - Laing 7, Rowden 5, Jennings 7.

**MATCH RATING:**  
**8**

## South Melbourne 1 Marconi 0

Scorers: Alun Evans 39th min.  
Ground: Middle Park  
Weather: Hot and humid - about 40 deg.  
Crowd: About 5500  
Cautions: Rogers (S), Tomasich (M).  
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8  
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 7 - V. Bannan 7, Blair 7, Xanthopoulos 7, Davidson 9 - Stevenson 8, Shirra 7, Rogers 8, Evans 9. (Christopoulos 64th) - Buljevic 8, Prskalo 5, Mui 5, Tomasich 6 - Byrne 5, Raskopoulos 5, Henderson 5 (Jankovics 72nd) - Shorne 5, Krncevic 5, Mariani 5 (Colussa 6, 65th).  
Just as coach John Margaritis appeared to have solved his Buljevic - Campbell dilemma he has a new problem. George Campbell has his knee injury back!

**MATCH RATING:**  
**7**

## Leichhardt 2 Heidelberg 2

Ground: Lambert Park  
Conditions: Very hot.  
Crowd: 4025  
Scorers: Leichhardt: Alan Hughes 12th & 88th mins; Heidelberg: Gary Cole Pen 25th, Andy Bozakis 86th  
Cautions: Kafka (L).  
Referee: Peter Ramplsey 8  
Leichhardt: Woodhouse 8, Skallern 8, McAusland 7, Pullen 8, Wilson 9, Hughes 8, Kafka 8, Harding 7, Leydon 6, Pirie 7, O'Connor 7.  
Heidelberg - Oliver 7, McMillan 7, Yankos 6, Bannan 7, Provan 6, Taylor 72nd, Zyzendorn 6, Campbell 7, Rooney 8, Selanides 8, Paton 6, Cole 8, Bozakis 7.

**MATCH RATING:**  
**8**

## Preston 0 Canberra 1

Scorers: R. O'Shea (23th)  
Ground: Connor Reserve  
Crowd: 4000  
Referee: Jim Fearn  
PRESTON: Kastner 5; Flavell 6, Petrovski 7, Higham 7, Beach 6, Faulkner 6, McMillan 5, Lucchesi 6 (Little 69th), Brown 5 (Stoikos 84th); Cullen 6, Ollerton 7.  
CANBERRA: Wilson 6; M. O'Shea 6, Stark 6, Byrne 7, R. O'Shea 6; Cole 6, J. O'Shea 7, Farrell 5 (Mazsa 46th), Brennan 6, McLarnon 6, Giannopoulos 5 (Valeri 69th).  
Canberra Arrow coach George Murray predicted pinpointed the reason behind Preston's bad result in his match post mortem.

**Match rating:**  
**6**

## Adelaide City Giants 0 Sydney City Slickers 1

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium  
Crowd: 2,200  
Weather: Hot and humid  
Cautions: Gomez (Slickers), B. Nyskohus (Giants)  
Scorers: John Kosmina 49th minute.  
ADELAIDE CITY GIANTS: Marshall 7 - Russell 8, Jones 7, Besir 6, Nyskohus 6 - Villani 6 (Mella 39th), Dado 7, Marocchi 7 - J. Nyskohus 7, Mitchell 8, Northcote 7.  
SYDNEY CITY SLICKERS: Pezzano 9 - Soumess 7, Gomez 7, Cant 7, Bruco 7 - Boden 6 (Patikas 74th), Spanos 7, Watson 8, Barnes 8, Kosmina 8, Murray 6 (Silva 46th).

**Match rating:**  
**7**

## Brisbane City 2 West Adelaide 1

Scorers: Wilkinson 17th, Palinkas Pen.  
J. de (BC), Perry 9, 41st.  
Ground: Spencer Park.  
Weather: Cloudy and muggy, heavy shower in second half.  
Crowd: abt 1500.  
Cautions: Gaffney (BC).  
Sent Off: Honeyman (WA).  
Referee: Nugent 8.  
BRISBANE CITY: Coe 8, Perry 6, Ratcliffe 7, Dunne 7, Wilkinson 7, Gaffney 6, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7, Palinkas 6, Wilkinson 7, McVeigh 6 (Kelso 57th).  
WEST ADELAIDE: Miller 7, Tymczyszyn 6, Ferde 5 (McGregor 6, 45th), Topaz 6, Haig 6.

**MATCH RATING:**  
**6**

## Blacktown 2 Brisbane Lions 2

Goals: Blacktown: O'Donnell pen., Hormazabal; Lions: Hogg, Bennett.  
Ground: Gabbie Stadium  
Crowd: 2138  
Referee: Tim Davies 9  
Yellow cards: Ricky Hormazabal  
Red Cards: Nil.  
BLACKTOWN CITY: James 6, Wheatley 7, Djordjevic 3, Pointer 7, Pollard 7, Milovanovic 5, Selvaire 8, Hormazabal 7, O'Donnell 6, Wallace 5 (Cuk 7 - 38), Culine 7.  
BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 7, Ontong 6, Niven 7, Bennett 8, Hermonston 8, Hogg 6 (McNaughton - 77), McLean 6 (Burns 72), Lindsay 6, Ogden 6, Ferris 5, Milner 7.  
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**MATCH RATING:**  
**6**

Footscray: Boland 8, Petrov 6, Milne 7, Kyriakoulas 7, Jovanovic 7, Illoski 7, Plicione 6, Simic 6, Vasic 7, Bolic 6, Kondarides 6. Replacements: Cozzella 6 for Vasic at half time.  
From the 9th minute when Joe Senkalski served Malcolm McClelland and his cross field pass found Ian Buckley in full flight for the former Cambridge United player to open the scoring, Newcastle proceeded clinically to carve the opposition.  
Up to that point the visitors had looked menacing and in fact, should have been one up when Steve Sumner pushed a ball back to Phil Dando that he could only smother, and Newcastle's defence managed to scramble the ball away for a fruitless corner.  
From that moment on there was only one team on the park. But it was not until the 25th

minute that the visitors' defence was pierced again.  
From a free kick on the right by Joe Senkalski the ball was pushed across to McClelland on the run, and his rasping drive beat Boland all the way.  
McClelland was on the spot again six minutes later when he chipped to great long pass by Heys before giving Boland no chance with his final drive to make the score three nil after 31 minutes.  
At that point Newcastle was playing champagne football and chances continued to come.  
The match ended on a high note when Malcolm McClelland narrowly missed his hat trick. Lurking on the far post he was found by one of Senkalski's crosses and his header was brilliantly deflected over the bar by Boland.

Liverpool reserve Geoff Ainsworth comes in and when Peter Willis recovers from injury, Ainsworth, a full back or midfielder, could be seen for the first time against Heidelberg at Olympic Park on Sunday.  
Wollongong was generally more creative and imaginative than Olympic. Part of the reason was that Brian Turner and Clive Campbell had a good understanding up front, while Olympic's moved broke down near the box after the lead-up play.  
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The Marconi midfield was a limp fish compared with that of South Melbourne. While Marconi's front line received practically no support from midfielders moving into forward positions, Evans and Buljevic got lots of help from Campbell, John Stevenson and Billy Rogers who had astounding energy considering the weather.  
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Heidelberg continued to dominate until the last 30 minutes when they noticeably took the heat and Leichhardt, spurred on by their home support, surged forward.  
Zyzendorn limped off in the 72nd minute and was replaced by Ken Taylor.

The keeper was caught off his line by a free kick from Robert O'Shea which appeared to sail through his hands for the only goal of the match after 23 minutes.  
McMillan was hastily pushed up front after the break and headed Ollerton's free kick into the net within minutes of the restart.  
But the goal was disallowed when a linesman flagged for an infringement.  
Preston's onslaught continued with Ollerton having a shot cleared off the line by a defender with the keeper beaten and John Little slamming a shot against the crossbar.  
But the home side's efforts were unco-ordinated and were further confused by the constant positional changes ordered by Brian Edgely.

The lithe central striker raced into the penalty area and fired a super shot into the roof of the net for a perfect "homecoming."  
It could have been so different had the Giants accepted their first-half chances.  
Both John Nyskohus and David Mitchell had made a clean catch of the ball from the bench for nothing other than saves.  
And later Nyskohus and Sergio Mella ballooned the ball over the bar from unchallenged positions.  
And right on half time, Mitchell fired a powerful ground shot which Pezzano again repelled.  
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But he has little to fear.  
With his players may not have set the world alight with their display against Lions, but certainly did show bright patches that must give this club a great chance of fighting for a middle of the table position in 1981.  
As for Lions, they were disappointing. "We for the Lions," said one of the Lions officials after the game. "He slowed the game down, and we picked up the same pace," was the final comment.  
Lions, remembering their 1-4 loss to Blacktown last year, were more prepared to wait and watch, hoping for a quick break through their fast forward Ron Millman. The Demons, showed far more enterprising play during the first half and went into the lead in the 28th minute. Branko Culina chased a long through ball, but was brought down close to the line by the Lions' keeper, Nigel Lownds.  
Brian O'Donnell scored from the ensuing

McClelland had a fine game, scoring two good goals and giving the final pass for the third one.  
His general play has improved remarkably and continues to improve with every performance making it very difficult for the other strikers to take his position.  
Newcastle, on last week's performance must be rated a chance to figure prominently for the championship as the numerous local supporters are very quick to point out.  
However I have been in this game long enough to know that middle of February results, be it competition or pre-season are not always a good guide, but Newcastle is a much stronger side this year and for the first time has that necessary commodity required to win championships - depth.

Lathan sent a free kick against the upright and Jim McBrean put it away.  
For No 2, the ball was played low to Turner who laid off to Peter Tradinick, who chipped it into the net as Campbell to spin around and score stylishly.  
Then McBrean played it behind Olympic defenders, Campbell nipped between the last two men and scored No 3.  
Olympic got its consolation goal about 15 minutes from the end. A short corner was relayed to Danny Moulis who squeezed the ball home from near the post.  
Tommy Docherty didn't admit to being worried by Olympic's form but it certainly will have to improve if a thrashing by South Melbourne is to be avoided at Pratten Park on Sunday.

it was not afraid to attack, it always left enough men behind to cover the gaps.  
The goal came in the 39th minute. Buljevic looked set to score, but Ivo Prskalo kicked the ball away from him, right into the path of Evans who stuck it away.  
Buljevic played an inspired through ball to Xanthopoulos in the 58th minute. Xanthopoulos juggled it on his head a few times to get past Peter Brogan, but then he mis-kicked.  
Maher parried a hard shot by George Campbell, with Buljevic following in. Buljevic lobbed the ball over Maher but it hit the crossbar.  
As the game drew to a close, Peter Laumets came out courageously to smother substitute Mark Janovics.  
On this form, South Melbourne should beat Sydney Olympic comfortably on Sunday but Marconi will have to improve to beat Preston in Sydney.

With the Heidelberg goal taking a hammering, the ball was cleared upfield to Andy Bozakis who caught the Leichhardt defence on the hop and with four minutes of play remaining, hit home what looked to be the winner.  
But to their credit, the Leicharders did not give in.  
In typical Beckenbauer manner, Peter Wilson stormed through the Heidelberg defence on the left, to square a magnificent ball for Alan Hughes to grab the equaliser, two minutes from time.  
Leichhardt's three new men Frank Leydon, Zdenko Kafka and Alan Hughes all had creditable debuts for their new club.  
But Leichhardt's star and indeed the best player on the field was great Peter Wilson.  
Wilson was just magnificent. He showed the kind of form he always displayed when he captained Australia so magnificently.

Canberra looks a workman like side although it was strange to see Terry Byrne, the club's leading overall topscorer in the PSL, in the sweeper position.  
Byrne worked well with Roy Stark at the centre of the defence but the side needs the scoring prowess that has landed him 26 goals in four seasons.  
Murray's impressions of the PSL are that it is a physical league rather than a skillful one.  
"Our side will tighten up, especially once John Massa gets match fit," he said.  
The Dutchman arrived in Australia late last week and was used only in the second half but showed some fine touches and a taste for slowing the game down.

apart from Kosmina's goal the only noteworthy incident was when John Nyskohus dove to head a ball which Pezzano stopped at his second attempt.  
For much of the second half, cubes of ice were thrown at players to cool them down.  
Slickers' coach Eddie Thomson relieved two of his players - Willie Murray and Ken Boden - from the heat but substitution when he D'Ottavi made only one mistake when he could easily have made another, if only because of the energy-sapping heat.  
On this performance, the Slickers obviously are going to be hard to beat again especially when Aggie Muniz joins the squad.  
His probing passes from midfield will give Kosmina the service he did not receive in his three seasons with the Hawks.

flat-footed Tom Forde and Shraga Topaz to power his determined header into the corner.  
In the 38th minute, Wilkinson's aerial supremacy again sorely tested you. keeper David Miller following another Gaffney cross and a Bobby Hamilton shot was hand 1 on the line.  
Joe Palinkas was a surprise choice to take the spot kick as he had mis-kicked a couple of drives before in the heavy conditions but he shot straight and low as Miller dove to the right.  
The Hawks came back two minutes later with their lone goal, emanating from another penalty, this time by a Hamilton trip on Honeyman.  
Martin Coe did well to save fullback Peter Tymczyszyn's attempt but in the ensuing scramble the ball still ended up in the back of the net, off Steve Perry for an own goal.

penalty kick and Demons looked a good bet for both points. Lions had couple of half chances towards the end of the first period then with seconds remaining in this half, scored through Steve Hogg.  
Jim McLean ran away from Robert Wheatley before crossing the ball for Col Bennett to head goals. Hogg was faster than the Demons keeper and easily lobbed the ball into the net to make it 1:1.  
Blacktown applied pressure early in the second half and came close through goal efforts by Culina and John Pollard, before Hormazabal shot the home side into the lead.  
The last football with Lions desperate for an equaliser and Demons eager to put the result beyond doubt. With seven minutes to go, Bennett rose high to head past James and divide the points.



# ENTERTAINMENT: THE KEY TO TV



**Mike Johnson**

● This is the final article in a two-part series dealing with the impact television is having and will have on soccer during this boom year of 1981.

I dealt last week with the influence of overseas televised soccer on our domestic game. However it is the quality of the coverage of local matches which will have a more vital effect.

If our television format is as staid as previously, the commentary, boring and unprofessional, the cameras continually picking up empty terra-

ces, even though the main stand may be full - then viewer ratings once again will be low and an enormous opportunity may be lost.

A sport today MUST have television on its side if it is to win popularity.

However, there is television and there is television.

If you get a televised sporting event where the above criteria apply, plus in many cases a lack of commitment by the performers - then you get sub-standard television which no-one wants to watch.

Such was the case in Sydney in the recent televised charity shield game between Sydney City and Marconi.

Australian soccer cannot stand the sort of television face portrayed during that game.

The commentary, the camera work and the editing must all be headed to one goal - entertainment.

Players must be made aware of their responsibilities.

They are in an entertainment industry.

If we cannot match skills, as yet, with what we see on soccer fields overseas, at least we can match them in commitment.

This, far too often, does not happen in our games.

People too seldom leave our games with a feeling of exhilaration.

Spectators too often leave our games with a feeling of frustration.

I believe our players have so much more to give.

No amount of editing, smart camera shots and controversial interviews can make up for lack of skill plus lack of commitment in our televised games.

Especially if just an hour previously, or later, one watches Liverpool, Inter Milan or Santos on the box.

Television can turn people into stars overnight.

Stars earn big money in the entertainment business today.

Ask Jack Nicklaus, Kevin Keegan, Bjorn Borg, Steve Rogers ('League') or Alex Jesaulenko ('Rules').

Australia's soccer stars have the same financial potential at which to aim.

To realise that potential they have to put it in - in training and especially in front of the paying public.

Having said that, even the most exhilarating game will look commonplace without any crowd noise or evidence of animated spectators allied to a commentator's flat monotone.

Those responsible for the success of our televised soccer and I suppose that means Rik Booth's ASF marketing organisation along with the Channel 10 sporting hierarchy - must make sure the elements for good television are there.

This does not mean just choosing the correct games to televise.

It means having towers opposite the main stand to pick up spectator action.

If the sun goes directly into the camera lens by doing this, which can be the case (the reason why the stand was placed in its position in the first place) then obviously an alternative site needs to be found.

However it is imperative that spectators are seen. And also that they make a lot of noise.

This noise can be dubbed onto the film if necessary.

We must have specialist commentators, even if they do not know the game all that well.

We need commentators who know how to make a game sound exciting specialists who can bring drama, colour and entertainment into our lounge rooms.

Soccer writers, no matter how skillful they might be at their craft, should not be used for games from Adelaide, Queensland, Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra or other centres just to save cost.

Television commentary is a demanding skill and needs to be expertly learned.

It can never be learned by sportswriters doing sporadic TV work up and down the country.

Soccer has a lot going for it in 1981.

Television, in the right hands, could be our greatest ally.

In the wrong hands, with the wrong approach, it could be our worst enemy.

## VOLLMER TROPHY

Progressive results in the Heinz Vollmer Trophy:  
Group A Ringwood City 2, Frankston City 2, Knox City 2, Ferntree Gully 1.  
Group B Row Hill 1, Don-



Peter Sharne (right) for once out of Alan Davidson's clutches, faces an equally difficult task in trying to get past Vince Bannon at Middle Park on Sunday.



South Melbourne goalkeeper Peter Laumets and defender Steve Blair beat Eddie Krncevic (observed) in the air. At left is Alan Davidson.



Marconi's Socceroo striker Eddie Krncevic shoots at South Melbourne's goal. Marconi lost 0-1. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

## Challenge to Cole

Gary Cole of Heidelberg has a commanding lead as PSL top scorer as the 1981 season gets under way.

Although his lead on aggregate over the first four seasons of the league probably will remain unchallenged this year, he does have competition in one particular area.

Counting league goals alone, Cole had 53 before the opening round. Mark Jankovic of Marconi had 47 - only six less.

Leading scorers:		League				Cup				four				Total
		77	78	79	80	77	78	79	80	78	79	80		
G. Cole (H'berg).....		11	11	10	21	3	2	0	1	0	4	6	47	
M. Jankovics (Marc& St.G.).....		4	9	18	16	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	50	
J. Nyskohus (AC).....		9	7	7	12	0	2	7	4	0	0	0	48	
K. Boden (Newc & SC).....		0	14	12	13	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	46	
P. Sharne (Marc).....		9	6	10	8	3	0	0	1	2	0	1	40	
M. Barnes (SC).....		12	4	7	10	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	40	
P. O'Connor (St. G. & APIA).....		8	11	7	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	39	
B. Buljevic (H'berg & SM).....		9	6	6	10	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	38	
T. Smith (SC).....		14	5	10	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	36	
E. Krncevic (Marc).....		0	0	13	13	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	33	
T. Byrne (Can.).....		0	9	9	8	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	32	
J. Deans (AC).....		16	5	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	31	
C. Eaton (WS & SO).....		7	14	7	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	31	
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J. Kosmina (WA & AC).....		12	0	7	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	27	
J. Stevenson (SC).....		5	5	5	8	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	26	
P. Ollerton (SM, Ma&F).....		6	9	4	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	25	
A. Evans (SM).....		0	6	7	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	24	
G. Byrne (Marc).....		4	3	5	7	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	24	
M. Trenter (SC & Newc).....		0	4	6	8	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	23	
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D. Cummings (SM).....		3	10	2	5	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	23	
G. Norris (WA & WS).....		9	4	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	22	
J. Palinkas (Foot & BC).....		6	4	7	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	22	
A. Mariani (Marc).....		7	6	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	21	
J. Piccione (Foot).....		5	4	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	
B. Northcote (AC).....		7	4	5	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	20	
I. Grujicic (Can).....		4	9	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	20	

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## Hannah coming soon

**HAKOAH 3 (Webster 2, McClunie) ALTONA 0 at Green Gully Reserve. MATCH RATING 6. Referee John 4.**

**HAKOAH:** Fryer 7 - Wilson 6, Gadsby 7, Jordanou 7, Rooney 6 (Edmondson 60th), French 7 - McClunie 7, Webster 2, Kant 6.  
**ALTONA:** Marshall 6 - P. Wilson 6, McGerrigle 6, K. Wilson 7, Baser 6 - Murphy 6 (Edlin 60th), Walters 7, Innes 6 - Little 6, Lawie 5 (Ducuz 55th), Olive 6.

Hakoah virtually won a semi-final berth when it convincingly defeated hard-working Altona in oppressive heat at Green Gully Reserve.

Both sides should be complimented for playing in condi-

tions which tried the patience of spectators. Running in such heat bordered on lunacy. Watching the game at wind-swept Green Gully was an act of courage worthy of free entry to State League games for the next ten years.

Altona should have been awarded a penalty in the 15th minute when Hakoah sweeper Bill Jordanou blatantly pushed George Watters inside the area. Everyone at the ground saw the incident except referee Colin Johns.

But Hakoah struck when Stan Webster volleyed home and the Webster-richie McClunie partnership made it 2:0 before half time when the lanky McClunie chipped the

ball into the area and unmarked Webster headed in.

McClunie added his name to the scorers' list in the second half as both teams struggled to raise a gallop.

Altona's best chance fell to Kevin Innes who was pushed forward after former Sandringham striker Paul Lewis was substituted. Innes's drive flashed just wide of the near post.

Hakoah expects young Scottish player George Hannah to arrive within the next fortnight. Hannah, from Glenafton in Ayrshire, should add the bite necessary for Hakoah to do well this year. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

## Two hours of sheer torture

**AJAX 2 (Cannell, Lewis) CROYDON 2 (Brogan, Spinks) at Green Gully Reserve. Ajax won 4-3 on penalties. MATCH RATING 7. Referee Stirling 7.**

**AJAX:** Denys 7 - Lewis 7, Cannell 6, Gardiner 7, Smart 6 (Celly 67th) - Vassallo 7, Bennett 7, Greenham 7 - Wall 6 (Segl 65th), McLeod 6, Morrey 6.  
**CROYDON:** Edwards 7 - Spinks 7, Pongho 7, McGonnie 7, Hobson 7 - P. Longhane 6, Smith 7, Howarth 6, Brogan 7 - Abbott 6, (L. Longhane 50th), Wyllie 6 (Brown 55th).

Mad dogs, Englishmen and half a dozen other nationalities braved searing temperatures for two hours, five minutes and 12 seconds last Sunday to put on an entertaining and exciting clash which saw Green Gully Ajax scrape home on penalties against competitive Croydon.

When the sides strolled out for the start few players would have believed that over two hours would elapse in such conditions before they could stagger off to a cold shower and a few well deserved beers at the day's end.

Ajax hit the front in the first half when Stuart Cannell charged in and headed a Bill Morrey corner firmly into the back of the Croydon net.

But Ajax's defence was caught flat-footed when Dave Brogan surged past Grant Smart and slammed the ball past helpless Lou Denys in the 52nd minute.

Another Morrey corner found the head of Peter Lewis and it seemed Ajax would sneak home but Jimmy Spinks made the Ajax defence pay for its ineffectual attempt to clear a Croydon corner. Spinks latched onto the loose ball and hammered it past Denys.

Willie Vassallo volleyed fractionally high and Ajax's chance to wrap up the game went astray.

Young Croydon full back Gary Hobson missed his crucial penalty try to give new-look Gully its first win of the season.

# BIG TEST FOR BILUSIC, WILKINSON

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The two glamor teams of the State League, Croatia and Green Gully Ajax, will come under close scrutiny in Friday night's double header at Olympic Park.

Neither side has shown its best form in the Ampol Cup and Ajax's recruits are yet to click as a unit.

Ajax striker Kevin Wall is playing as if the pressure of the publicity surrounding his departure from Frankston weighs heavily on his shoulders. He gets a chance against Sunshine to open his scoring account as the Shiners haven't fared well in the cup.

Ajax should win this encounter but it won't be one-way traffic.

The clash between Gus McLeod and Sunshine's Rob Nelson will keep the fans on their toes. McLeod came here with a reputation as a rugged customer so Nelson is in for a testing night.

Jimmy McRobert has been a faithful servant for the Shiners and is capable of troubling the Ajax defence. But another week with John Gardiner should improve the understanding at the back and Ajax should bring a smile to the rugged features of president Guy Spiteri who often held his head in his hands in dismay at last week's performance against Croydon.

Croatia could face its stiffest test yet when it clashes with George Cross in the highlight of Friday night's double header.

The Cross looked good against Sunshine last Sunday but central defenders Laurie Bilusic and Bill Wilkinson have a huge mountain to climb to get on top of Croatia strikers Carl Glider and Noel Mitten.

Glider is looking exceptionally sharp and Mitten showed signs of approaching his best in last week's game against Frankston.

Ged Bannon isn't the type of player to shirk the issue when the going gets tough so his battle with Ken Murphy should produce a few fiery moments.

Murphy scored twice last week but he's not getting forward quickly enough out wide where his ability to run at opponents and cross accurately can pose enormous problems for opposing defenders.

"Butch" Kokoska is one of the best stoppers in Australia so Ray Mizzi's chances of adding another goal to his Ampol Cup tally look slim.

Altona can trouble Frankston at Kim Reserve on Sunday.

Frankston will look to flying winger Bruce Young to find a way through Altona's defence, capably led by Kevin Wilson.

If Hans van der Poel is in goal for Altona his experience will add stability to the back four.

But the Baysiders look likely winners as Altona's squad is enthusiastic but lacks quality players.

The other Kim Reserve clash brings together Juventus and Northcote City.

The Northerners have won both Ampol Cup matches and a win here would seal a semi-final berth.

The biggest threat to Northcote is Juve youngster Fabio Incantalupo who is in great touch and has added strength to the fine ball skills he exhibited last year.

Bobby McGuinness flew to Townsville last weekend but he looks like staying in Victoria and his presence will give Juve the bite which was lacking against Doveton last week.

George Gillan is keen to join Frank Munro at Albion Rovers so it leaves coach Joe Wilson with the dilemma of finding a suitable target man to replace Gillan.

Juventus should win and open up the race for semi-final status.

At Jubilee Park Doveton and Croydon, two fit, competitive sides, meet head-on and on last week's efforts Croydon should win.

Ian Loughane had a short spell late in the game against Ajax but he looked impressive and with an extra week to settle in he should do well.

Peter Abbott would appreciate cooler weather and be still remains an unknown quantity after two poor games. But he must be given the benefit of the doubt. Perhaps we'll see the best of Abbott this weekend.

Doveton striker Steve Irvine should be too good for Steve McCombe on the ground but the reliable Alan Pongho will be hard to get past. Pongho is most underrated. He's a dour, consistent performer and the Doves will find him a hard nut to crack.

The second Jubilee Park game should see Hakoah grab its third consecutive win against Ringwood.

Mike de Bruyckere's side may feature David Brooks who arrived from England last Wednesday. Brooks, formerly from Bury, is a strong central defender and is expected to form a classy central defensive combination alongside Gary Groenewald.

But Hakoah striking duo Stan Webster and Richie McClunie should prove too hard to hold and Fred Bunce can start planning his semi-final strategy when the final whistle blows.

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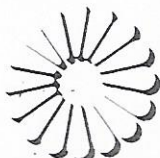
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# VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP

Ampol Cup standings:

## GROUP A

	W	L	F	A	Pts
Hakoah	2	0	4	1	2
Croatia	1	1	2	1	2
Geo. Cross	1	1	1	2	2
Ringwood	1	1	2	4	2
Frankston	0	2	0	4	0

## GROUP B

	W	L	F	A	Pts
Northcote	2	0	5	2	4
Juventus	1	1	3	2	2
Croydon	1	1	3	2	2
Ajax	1	1	3	2	2
Doveton	0	2	1	3	0
Sunshine	0	2	1	3	0

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals: GREEN GULLY AJAX V Sunshine at Olympic Park, Friday, 7.30 pm.

ESSENDON CROATIA V George Cross at Olympic Park, Friday, about 8.50 pm.

ALTONA V FRANKSTON at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 2.45 pm.

NORTHCOTE V JUVENTUS at Kim Reserve, Sunday, about 4.10 pm.

DOVETON V CROYDON at Jubilee Park, Sunday, 2.45 pm.

RINGWOOD CITY V HAKOAH at Jubilee Park, Sunday, about 4.10 pm.

### Ampol Cup goalscorers' list:

2 - Murphy (Croatia), Tsetsos (Northcote), Webster (Hakoah).

1 - Gatsonis, Sahinidis, Nicholaides (Northcote), Batinovici, Front, Adams (Croatia), Gillan, Ristovski, Incantalupo (Juventus), Collyer, Train, Thurlow (Doveton), Wyllie, Spinks, Brogan (Croydon), McClunnie, French (Hakoah), Adams, Deliyannis (Frankston), Lewis, Cannell (Ajax), Rigby, Mizzi (George Cross), Scerri (Sunshine).

## 'Fearn was shoved'

GEORGE CROSS 2 (Mizzi, Rigby) RINGWOOD 0 at Chaplin Reserve. MATCH RATING 5. Referee: Zoumas 5.

GEORGE CROSS: Amos 7, Gambin 7, Wilkinson 7, Blazic 7, McKinley 9, Bannon 7, Rigby 7, Farmer 6, Flaherty (Zeigler 25th), Mizzi 7, Pappas 6.

RINGWOOD: Fearn 7, Anderson 5, Luytan 5, Greenewald 5, Pappas 7, Mark 7, O'Callaghan 5, Thom 5, McLennan 6 (Verniers 55th), Reid 6 (Harrington H.T. 6), Green 6.

Ringwood president John van Hoboken was incensed by a refereeing decision which led to George Cross's first goal after he tried to call the game off before the start due to the 42 degree temperature.

"It's ridiculous to play in such heat and I tried my best to get the game called off," said van Hoboken.

"Then the first goal was scored, about the 15 minute mark I think, and after the game the referee's inspector agreed with my claim that Les Fearn our keeper was shoved in the back when the corner came across. The inspector told me he'd be putting something about the decision in his report."

"And for the record, the mix-up with the strips in our game against Altona two

weeks ago was caused because Altona wanted to wear a lighter yellow strip due to the heat. The referee didn't realise that yellow is not Altona's official colour."

So 'Soccer Action' has been put right and the referee Sam Zoumas has been told that he was wrong. The only thing that remains is for Ringwood to record its first win in State League competition this year.

But two players could change that situation. Paul O'Riley will arrive here on February 27 and today (Wednesday) David Brooks, a strong English stopper will arrive.

George Cross looks like doing well this year with Ged Bannon and Dave Rigby in midfield. Ian Gibson trained with the Cross last night and he may sign from Hakoah on a free transfer.

Cross's controversial first goal was scored by Ray Mizzi who latched onto the ball after a goalmouth scramble and poked it home.

A superb 30 metre drive from Rigby settled the issue in the fifth minute.

Fearn looks like having a fine season. He did well to save a Jim Pappas penalty mid-way through the second half.

early in the game and Lou Ivanoff was down late and allowed the ball to escape his grasp and roll into the net.

This goal levelled the score as the Doves had struck first through a disastrous mix-up between Alex Farnham and John Creamy. They both left the ball for each other, Farnham then came late and the ball bounced off his legs to Jim Train who stroked it into the open goal.

Corke's poor pass back in the second half allowed Incantalupo to strike but Peter Thurlow equalised with a powerful header from a corner.

Both sides have a great deal of work ahead of them.

NORTHCOTE 2 (Tsetsos, Nicholaides) SUNSHINE 1 (Scerri) at Chaplin Reserve. Match rating 5.

NORTHCOTE: Pechiris 7 - Stogannos 8, Kallistidis 8, Bozika 9, Fakos 6 - Gatsonis 8, Battistotto 7, Rujovic 8 - Nicholaides 7, Sahinidis 7, Tsetsos (inj. Pappas 11th 6).

SUNSHINE: Corbelli 8 - Campbell 5, Nelson 7, Ellis 8, Morovic 4 - Leung 8 (inj. Espalito 50th), Scerri 6, McRobert 6, McNally 5 - van der Chrys 4, Morovic 5.

Sunshine hopes to sign Altona stopper Rob Gramsbergen and Frankston sweeper Nick Lowe this week in time for Friday night's match against Ajax.

Both players would allow the Shiners' coach Jim McIntyre to field a stronger, more organised back four.

Its defence which could have kept Northcote at bay last Sunday at Chaplin Reserve.

Northcote struck first through the unmarked Spiro

## Gramsbergen,

## Lowe for

## Sunshine?

Tsetsos who met Sakis Sahinidis's cross and volleyed home from close range.

Within eight minutes the Shiners had levelled.

Steve Scerri met a long ball into the area and his first-time shot gave Sakis Pachiris no chance.

The game slowed to walking pace in the second half as players struggled in the heat.

John Nicholaides dealt the decisive blow in the 63rd minute when his shot through a crowd of players beat Sunshine keeper Alan Contini.

Asking players to compete seriously under such conditions is ridiculous.

Perhaps future Ampol Cups will see some sense shown and night games arranged during February.

The Northcote and Sunshine players weren't helped by the 15 minute delay before the kick-off as the players and the crowd waited for the appearance of one of the linesmen.

## Springvale's Cup

Springvale United won the Yugoslav Cup, sponsored by JAT airlines by beating Footscray J.U.S.T. seconds 1-0 in the final. Milan Stolicovic scored the goal. He also scored in Springvale's 1-0 semi-final win against Tarax. J.U.S.T. seconds reached the final by beating Vardar 3-1.

# Two by Murphy sink Frankston

CROATIA 4 (Murphy 2, Batinovici, Adams pen) FRANKSTON 1 (Deliyannis) at Olympic Park. MATCH RATING: 7. Referee: Mellings 4.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 7 (inj. Klerin 65th), Kerr 5, Kokoska 7, Blasby 7 - Train 7, Adams 7, Murphy 8 - Batinovici 7 (Dzieic 60th), Glider 8, Mitten 7.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 - Thompson 6, Adams 6, McCluskey 6, Burroughs 6 (Wright 60th) - Webb 7, Ormond 6, Cooper 5, Buchanan 5 - Deliyannis (Reader 25th 6), Young 5.

Frankston basked in glory for a minute last Saturday night at Olympic Park.

Young 18-year-old Billy Deliyannis caught the Croatia defence square and ran on to Bruce Young's pass, then lobbed Peter Blasby who had come to the edge of his area.

Within a minute Ken Murphy equalised when he slammed a loose ball high into the corner of goal. But referee Mellings should have awarded a free kick to Frankston defender Bob Adams who was about to clear when Carl Glider dragged him down from behind.

Murphy's goal made amends for Croatia's vain penalty appeal early in the first half when Noel Mitten was dragged down by Kevin Burroughs.

David Webb stayed at the back of Frankston's five man defence with Bob Adams tagging Glider and Danny McCluskey marking Mitten.

Croatia ran riot in the second half.

Young Frankston keeper Dave Gilbert had a fine game but he could do little more

than parry a Murphy shot to the feet of Batinovici who slotted home Croatia's second goal.

Murphy to Mitten to Murphy and a bullet like shot from just outside the area ended Frankston's hopes.

A cheeky flick from Mitten to Glider resulted in a penalty when Glider was dragged down just as he prepared to shoot. Keith Adams had no trouble converting.

Frankston fielded four young players and used both substitutes - Rob Reader, a 16-year-old striker, and 15-year-old Andrew Wright.

Given the class of their opposition they shouldn't be disappointed with their efforts.

## Doves win in sudden death

DOVETON 2 (Train, Thurlow) JUVENTUS 2 (Ristovski, Incantalupo) at Olympic Park. Doveton won on penalties 6-5. MATCH RATING 4. Referee: Gaut, 6.

DOVETON: Ivanoff 5 - McConnell 6, Corke 7, Merrick 7, Thurlow 6 - Bentley 7, Train 5, Charlie 6, Irvine 7 - Collyer 8 (Bradshaw 60th), McDonald 6.

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 5 - Donaldson 6, Tarquinio 7, Creamy 7, Hird 6 - Ristovski 7, Sennipall 7, Smith 6, Petric 5 (Lucy Sali 43th 5) - Lucio Sali 5 (Di Quattro 75th), Incantalupo 8.

A controversial offside decision against Fabio Incantalupo took this hard fought encounter into extra time and

penalties, with Doveton's Paul Corke scoring the all important spot kick which gave his side its first win in State League competition.

Juventus coach Joe Wilson was angered when referee Mike Gaut upheld his linesman's offside decision after Incantalupo scored from a goalmouth scramble.

Wilson's advances seemed justified for the ball had come to Incantalupo on the rebound and hadn't been played forward. The promising young Juve striker had rounded Alec McConville but his shot was blocked. The Doves failed to clear and Incantalupo slotted home what could have been the winner.

But Doveton's never-say-die spirit reaped its reward when both sides were tied at four apiece after five penalty attempts each.

Ernie Merrick and Harry Hird made the penalty score five each in the sudden death period, then Fausto Tarquinio was fouled by the upright. Corke coolly slammed home the winning penalty.

Neither keeper played well and must take full blame for the opening goals.

Mendo Ristovski, showing more spirit and willingness to run at opponents, struck a seemingly harmless left-foot shot toward the Doveton goal

# Giants v. Croatia in semi

The Adelaide City Giants and Croatia will meet in a semi-final of the South Australian Ampol Cup.

The Giants beat Para Hills 2-1 to clinch top spot in Group A while Croatia's 3-0 win over the State under 19 team secured it second place in Group B.

The other two berths will be decided tonight (Wednesday). The Hawks must beat the Second Division Select to grab a semi final berth while Cumberland needs only a point against winless Amateurs to qualify from Group A.

The Giants, unbeaten in the past six friendly and Cup games, shot to a 2-0 lead against Para after 35 minutes with goals from Sergio Melta (25th minute) and Gary Marrochi (35th).

But Para struck back in the 37th minute with a Williams goal.

The star of the match was Para keeper Scott Pradeaux who stopped a fusillade of shots from the rampaging Giants.

Croatia struggled against the State under 19 team in the first half but eventually won 3-0 with goals from Steve

## Meno Toutsidis



Lesan, Steve Caggiano and Peter Herd.

However, Croatia was looking for a much bigger win so it could finish on top of the group on goal difference and therefore avoid the Giants in the semi-finals.

CROATIA 3 (Lesan 50th, Herd 72nd, Caggiano 80th) STATE UNDER 19 0.

CROATIA: Mergery 7 - Williams 7, Donnelly 7, Kotler 7, Herd 8 - Thompson 7, Caggiano 6, Lesan 8 - Jordan (Pakala), Marvo 6, Hayes 7.

STATE UNDER 19: Bostel 7 - Libralato 7, Malavazos 8, Donnelly 7, Hood 7 & Typak 7, Vahavolos 7, Bell 7 - Mrlke 8, Molliat 8, Drew 7.

## ADELAIDE CITY GIANTS 2

(Melta 25th, Marrochi 35th) PARA HILLS 1 (Williams 37th).

GIANTS: Marshall 7 - Russell 7, B. Nykolukha 8 (Mercurio), Jones 7, Miller 7 - Melta 8, Northcote 7, Marrochi 7 - Buch 7, Nykolukha 8, Mitchell 7 (Rankin).

PARA HILLS: Pradeaux 9 - Gannon 7, Archer 7, Vizzari 7, Humphries 8 - Tomlinson 7, Williams 7, Amos 7 - Mullion 8, Edwards 7, Bell 7.

GROUP A

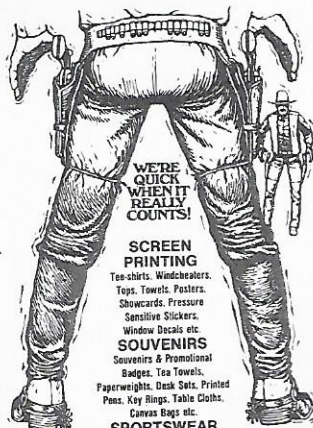
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ad City Giants	3	3	0	0	8	4	6
Para Hills	3	1	2	0	2	2	2
Cumberland	2	1	1	0	3	2	2
Amateurs	2	0	2	1	6	5	0

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	3	2	1	0	6	4	4
Second Division	2	2	0	1	4	4	4
West Ad Hawks	2	1	1	0	2	2	2
State Under 19	3	0	3	0	8	7	0

NEXT ROUND: Wednesday, February 18 - Cumberland v. Amateurs (Group A); West Adelaide v. Second Division (Group B).

NEXT WEEK: Semi Finals - Giants (Group A) v Croatia (Group B); First team (Group B) v Second Team (Group A).



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## JOHNNY WARREN — from page one

Predicting the outcome of any match, let alone the entire season, is a pretty hazardous business.

For what it's worth, this is how I see the 1981 PSL season — with apologies to those clubs who will prove me wrong.

For my money, Sydney City is entitled to outright favouritism for the title.

Though Sydney City will not be delighted with the "burden" of carrying my favourite tag, I find it hard to go past Australia's classiest and most successful PSL side in predicting the 1981 winner.

They have more than compensated for the loss of John Stevenson and possibly Terry Smith with notable acquisitions John Kosmina, Agner Muniz, Jimmy Cant and Willie Murray, an excitingly skilful player from whom I'm certain we are going to hear a lot in '81.

Sydney City appeals also because it has a relatively smaller national team commitment than its closest rivals.

In assessing the 16 clubs for '81, it is difficult to see last year's top four teams being disturbed this year — Sydney City, Heidelberg, South Melbourne Hellas, Marconi.

Heidelberg, South Melbourne and Marconi would have to be the three most capable of knocking Sydney City off its pedestal.

Despite their successes last year I lean away from Heidelberg (grand final winner) and Marconi Cup winner, not on ability but on the enormous load both clubs carry with the national team, especially Marconi with Maher, Sharie Henderson, Janjovic and Krncevic, all Gutendorf regulars, and Hunter and Raskopoulos, key youth team players.

From personal experience and observing some of the last national team stars club performances last year there is no doubt that national team involvement affects club performance.

With Heidelberg and Marconi most heavily involved in this direction, it will affect their chances of success in 1981.

In addition I feel that Heidelberg has another major problem.

That is that their two great key players, Pat Bannon Jimmy Rooney, are just that one year older.

I say this with due respect to them and Heidelberg's new coach Manny Poulakakis — a person for whom I have the greatest respect as a coach but more importantly as a man.

## Slickers again, Hellas danger

South Melbourne Hellas, the sensation of 1980 with its last-to-almost-first effort under Johnny Margaritis, can be expected to be near the top at the end of the year.

Talented team, excellent support, the right coach for the right club and few national team commitments all point towards South Melbourne, perhaps being Sydney City's biggest rival.

Of the remaining clubs Newcastle KB looms as one of the greatest threats to disturb last year's top teams.

Unsurpassed home support, first-class administration and important new signings has prompted the usually conservative coach Alan Vest to predict that this is KB's year.

Most consistent in the past two years in finishing on the fringe of the top four, Vest very well could be right in seeing '81 as the year KB makes it.

Adelaide, boom club of the early PSL years, would be the first to admit that for one reason or another its two clubs have fallen from grace.

Former champion West Adelaide and the always talented Agelaide City, both under new management, would agree that they need a drastic change of events to get soccer back on the rails in Adelaide and threaten the top teams this year.

West Adelaide needs to recapture the tremendous competitiveness that won it the championship in 1978. Adelaide City needs enough consistency that its talented team can finish the job it has threatened to accomplish since PSL inception.

With respect to my good friend Cedo Cerkovic, it is hard to see anything but another typical year for Footscray.

Lots of promise, tons of attractive, entertaining football mixed with many indifferent displays and a mediocre end to the season.

Canberra, potentially a top club with the talent it has at its disposal, must get good results

early and keep its petty politics away from the players if it hopes to realise its undoubted potential.

Queensland's dual challenge of course is mounted by Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City.

Lions traditionally have promised to break into the upper echelons only to finish on the fringe of top class status.

Another similar season for Lions seems to be a fair bet.

Just how does one assess Brisbane City's chances?

Cup winner twice, top four and grand finalist and relegation zone for most of the other times.

City has always dealt in absolutes — the very best or worst — and it is anyone's guess just what '81 holds for City.

Blacktown, with Rale Rasic at the helm, is sure to improve on its first-up performance in '80, while the same could be said for the Willie Wallace-led Leichhardt.

Leichhardt and Wallace last year overcame some anxious moments brought about by a lot of unethical undermining of the coach and management.

It would be justice this year, that after overcoming that crisis, both Leichhardt and Wallace were rewarded for getting through those tough times.

Full marks to Sydney Olympic for fighting its way back to the PSL and for getting Tommy Docherty to Australia.

The publicity attracted to the sport through Docherty has been invaluable.

My concern for Olympic, which boasts the youngest team in the PSL, is that its enthusiastic and success-starved supporters may expect too much too soon.

If that is the case, Olympic is doomed to disappointment in 1981.

It is fair to say that the fate of newcomers Wollongong and Preston will possibly be much the same as that of newcomers in the past.

A period of adjustment to the higher standard, some upset results, loads of enthusiasm and a lower middle-order status are the criteria for a successful first year in the PSL.

That's how I see PSL '81. Good luck to the teams that no doubt will prove me wrong.

In fact for the club that dramatically proves me wrong there is a complimentary dinner at my Gold Creek Homestead just outside of Canberra next time they are passing through town.



**With only six matches of the first round played, the Ampol Cup in NSW seems destined to be fought out between Croatia and St George.**

St George has not played a game yet, but I had an opportunity to see them in action against "The Doc's" Sydney Olympians, and they looked sharp and aggressive with Peter Stone, Paul Kay, John Davies and Ernie Campbell in superb touch.

Back to the games played so far.

North Sydney and Wollongong did not look capable of setting the world on fire after their first round 0:0 draw. Many chances went begging, but in all fairness to both teams, they looked slightly under peak fitness and were unable to produce punch in front of goal.

**North Sydney 0 Wollongong 0**

**NORTH SYDNEY:** Lill 7, Matheson 7, O'Rourke 6, Hammett 6, J. Bottalico 6, Porter 7, A. Bottalico 6, Mitchell 6, Tormesano 5, Dale 7, Wilson 5.

**WOLLONGONG:** Brist 7, Montecchi 7, Selin 8, Dalkowski 6, Budchovski 7, Campbell 7, Petkovich 7, P. Giraldi 6, Terziovski 7, Neumark 6, Giraldi 6.

**Ref:** T. Davies 9.

North Sydney were far better in the first half, but failed to capitalise on chances created. Wollongong almost snatched the lead towards the end of the half after creating three chances in succession.

**Melita Eagles 2 Manly 2**

**MELITA:** Luford 6, McKay 7, Martin 6, Daley 6, Thompson 7, Barry 7, Parker 7, Farugia 6, Stodert 7, Allen 7, Ross 6.

**MANLY:** Dowar 6, Brogan 6, Doule 6, Kramer 6, Hiscock 5, Googham 5, Jack 7, Fox 6, Regan 6, Vale 7.

**Ref:** D. Fowler 7.

Who would have thought that Manly would hold this star-studded Melita Eagles team? Manly Warringah players, of course.

It was Manly's new signing Regan, who made the difference on the night.

He consistently pierced the Melita defensive wall, making life miserable for the fancied

## NSW AMPOL CUP

By ROGER SHERACK

Eagles. On one occasion he broke through to create an opportunity for his captain David Jack to score Manly's opening goal.

This goal stunned Melita into action and just before half time Mark Ross made it 1-1. Don Allan scored in the 61st minute to make it 2-1 and it looked curtains for Manly, but only five minutes later Regan appeared from nowhere to slot the ball home and make it 2-2.

**Table after round 1**

Manly..... 2:2 1  
Melita..... 2:2 1  
North Sydney..... 0:0 1  
Wollongong..... 0:0 1

**Matches in round 2:**  
North Sydney — Manly, 6.45pm, Fri. 20.2.81, Seymour Shaw

Melita Eagles — Wollongong, 6.45, Wed. 25.2.81, St. George Stadium.

**GROUP B**  
**St George v Arncliffe Scotts (postponed)**

**CROATIA 5 PARRAMATTA 0**

**CROATIA:** Watson —, Vidacic 7, Stany 7, M. Kovacic 9 (Paduan 87), Doban 7, Coleman 7, Parker 7, Czolnowski 9, Mongummary 6, Silva 7, Papano 6.

**PARRAMATTA:** Donovan 5, Mackenzie 6, Biglands 7, Bates 5, Leckey 6, Jordan 5, Roden 5 (57), Frail 5, Dalven 5, Hynes 60 — 91, Mitchell 6, Crawford 5, Brizuela 6.

**Ref:** D. Rennie 8.

For the first 15 to 20 minutes Parramatta looked reasonable and held off Croatia's challenge. Then in the 24th minute, Marcos Silva, the new signing from Sydney City, raced through to make it 1:0 and it was the end of Parramatta.

Vidacic made it 2:0 in the 51st minute with one of the softest goals in the competition to date, then Czolnowski, the best man on the park, chimed in with goals No. 3 and 4. Parker completed the rout with one minute remaining.

**TABLE AFTER ROUND 1**  
Croatia..... 5:0 2  
St George..... 0:0 0  
Arncliffe..... 0:0 0  
Parramatta..... 0:5 0

**Next matches**  
ST GEORGE — ARNCLIFFE SCOTTS (To be decided)

ST GEORGE — PARRAMATTA, 8.30 pm, Friday, 20.2.81, Seymour Shaw

CROATIA — ARNCLIFFE, 6.45, Sat. 21.2.81, St George Stadium

**GROUP C**  
**FAIRY MEADOW 2 INTER MONARO 0**

**FAIRY MEADOW:** Potter 7, Pasquale 7, Johnston 8, Langford 7, Shieldby 6, Charnock 6, Richardson 7, Devanney 6, Gardiner 6, Luck 7, Davis 7.

**INTER MONARO:** Antonopoulos 6, Crawford 6, Charles 6, Noble 6, Francis 6, Faleon 6, Agius 5, Pagalos 5, M. Valeris 6, Sheridan 7, Colbarto 5.

**Ref:** Owens 7.

Fairy Meadow scored after only 40 seconds to go into a shock lead against its fancied opponents, then systematically won the game with one of the simplest approaches to soccer seen at Seymour Shaw Park to date.

Johnstone, Luck and David looked impressive, but it would be unfair to others to suggest that only those three played a part in winning the game. Luck was on the spot to seal the result in the 60th minute, but this Wollongong side could have done better had they stretched themselves on this very wet ground.

**TABLE**

Fairy Meadow..... 2:0 2  
Canterbury..... 0:0 0  
Bankstown..... 0:0 0  
Inter Monaro..... 0:2 0

**Next games:**  
CANTERBURY — BANKSTOWN (To be decided)

CANTERBURY — FAIRY MEADOW, 8.30 pm, Sat. 21.2.81, St George Stadium

INTER MONARO — BANKSTOWN, 6.45, Wed. 25.2.81, Seymour Shaw

**GROUP D**  
**Polonia 3 Avala 2**

**POLONIA:** Bonnici 6, Harris 6, Zoumis 7, Budini 7, Crothers 6, Noble 6, Lemanczyk 5, Malra 6 (50), Samuels 6, Tilt 6, Djuricic 6, Karanfilovski 7.

**Ref:** Rag Nemes 4.

Avala raced to a 2:0 lead after two goals by Tilt in the 13th and Lembrzyk in the 44th minute and looked the better team. Then suddenly on the stroke of half time, a long clearance by a Polonia defender changed the whole game.

Peter Ahrens, who I am told wears contact lenses, failed to

hold a fairly easy catch and fumbled before pushing the ball over his own body into an empty net. The ball was helped on its way by Lemanczyk. Six minutes after the restart a long shot by Wojtek Nowak was destined to go past the left hand upright, until Ahrens decided otherwise. He dived for the ball, which bounced off his chest and the unfortunate Ahrens, in an attempt to regain the ball, flicked it over his body into the net. The goal was credited to Nowak, and Ahrens was replaced by Michael Wotton.

With the game destined to finish in a draw, Wotton threw the ball to Gogic, then asked for the ball to be pushed back to him, moving to the edge of the area. Ron Gogic decided to beat Nowak, lost the ball and from the ensuing corner, Sooker glided the ball into the empty net to make it 3:2.

**Table after round 1:**

Polonia..... 3:2 2  
Avala..... 1:1 1  
Sutherland..... 1:1 1  
Avala..... 2:3 0

**Next matches:**  
Avala — Polonia, 8.30 pm, Wed. 25.2.81, St George Stadium

Avala — Sutherland, 8.30 pm, Wed. 25.2.81, Seymour Shaw

**Sutherland 1 Auburn 1**

**SUTHERLAND:** Haymes 7, Cashman 7, Wabber 7, Williams 7, Donnelly 7, Grooms 6, Watkins 7, Connor 7, Bush 7, Wilson 7, Murphy 6. Wilson replaced by Simpson in the 84th minute.

**AUBURN:** Bowman 8, McKimney 6, Bartlam 8, Prgometje 7, Quigley 7, (Biology 79), McDonald 8, Thearing 6, Leak 7, Daley 6 (Brown 71), Martinez 6, McMillan 6.

**Ref:** Ken Small 9.

Led by experienced Grooms and Murphy, Sutherland's youngsters outplayed Auburn for most of the match, but almost lost it in the end. John McDonald, Auburn's best player on the night (going for his second long service leave), shot his side into the lead with a well placed low shot which raced past Mal Haymes, in the 84th minute.

With only 15 seconds left and seemingly all chances lost, Murphy crossed and Nigel Grooms soled to head home an equaliser.

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# Let's hope they follow Cubillas' lead

The industrial trouble that has grounded international flights also may have robbed Nacional of the chance to restore Uruguayan sporting reputation in Australia.

However, there was equally the chance that all hell would break loose again had Nacional played Australia as scheduled tonight (Wednesday). Either way, we'll see if the game still goes ahead tomorrow (Thursday).

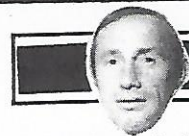
We saw it happen when the Uruguayan national team played the Socceros here in 1974, with the second game at the Sydney Cricket Ground a Donnellybrook.

On that eventful afternoon our magnificent striker Ray Baartz was put out of the game for good with a karate chop from a Uruguayan by the name of Luis Garisto, in a scene that was disgusting. It was not the only time I've seen this terrible side of Uruguayan football.

I witnessed it again, a few months later in West Germany when they played Holland in the World Cup finals.

That night they seemed determined to do a "Ray Baartz" job on the great Johan Cruyff and the antics they got up to in trying to butcher Cruyff had to be seen to be believed.

Fortunately, Cruyff managed to keep out of harms way,



**TOM ANDERSON**

but for a time it was touch and go.

One wonders why the Uruguayans stooped to such low methods, as they really are a top class footballing nation.

Their national team record and now the record of Nacional, the world club champion prove this.

I suppose like all South Americans, they take their football seriously and it's not a

matter of life and death — it's more important than that.

In all fairness, the Uruguayans cannot be any stretch of the imagination be described as good losers.

When not in opposition, the Uruguayans are terrific. I think that Rudi Gutendorf and his young Socceros would be first to back me up in this.

The great Uruguayan player

Luis Cubillas, now coach of Penarol of Montevideo, was a great help to the young Socceros and Gutendorf when the young Aussies went down to Paraguay to play in the elimination rounds of the world youth cup in 1970.

I was with the young Australian party and indeed, suffering with them in Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay, where the final elimination round was being played between

Paraguay, Israel and ourselves.

The Paraguayans were determined to win the series — as they eventually did, and to play in the finals in Japan.

And because of this, they designated the worst training ground imaginable to our youngsters.

It was like a ploughed field and just impossible to do any serious preparation on.

But, to our everlasting joy, Luis Cubillas had just arrived from Uruguay to take over as coach of top Paraguayan team Olimpia, which has a fine stadium in Asuncion.

Coach Gutendorf met Cubillas, and old friend, at our

hotel. When Cubillas learned of the young Aussies' plight, he arranged for us to train on his First Division ground early (6 am) in the morning before anybody was awake.

Anyway, this happened for four days before the Paraguayan FA learned about it and once more put a stop to it.

Cubillas later went on to win the Paraguayan First Division, the Libertadores Cup and the Inter-Continental Cup with Olimpia, which he thoroughly deserved.

I think this shows what Jekyll and Hyde characters the Uruguayans are when it comes to their beloved football.

## Gardiner won't coach Ajax says Spiteri

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

**John Gardiner's career took on a new twist last week when he signed for Victorian State League club Green Gully Ajax in a deal believed to be about \$5000.**

The former Essendon Croatia player-coach was signed by Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan as a ready made replacement for former Ajax sweeper Jimmy Dunne, now playing with PSL club Brisbane Gladiators.

"We looked at a couple of other local players but had we bought either of them there would have been doubts about his ability to do the job. There's no such doubts about John Gardiner," said McLachlan.

"John has the ability to bring composure and class to our side. He's exceptionally good at reading the game and should instil confidence in the players around him."

Gardiner's move follows the decision of former Croatia team manager and publicity officer Frank Burin to step down due to business interests.

The Gardiner-Burin partnership was instrumental in steering Croatia to dizzy heights over the past five years.

A swag of trophies involving State League championships,

Dockerty, State League and Ampol Cups were won in this period.

During this time Yacka Banovic and Tommy Cumming rose to prominence with the Australian national team while Gardiner, "Butch" Kosko, Carl Gilder, Noel Mitten, Steve Short, Joe Tront, Ken Murphy and Keith Adams gained selection in Victorian squads.

Gardiner joins a long list of Ajax recruits in Stuart Cannell, Gus McLeod, Peter Lesiw, Kit Greechan, Paul Lewis and Kevin Wall.

Ajax has responded to its high power intake by transfer listing Andy Segi and Dave Perkin. Perkin has a \$5,000 maximum transfer fee clause in his contract.

But McLachlan is not carried away by his drastically revamped side.

"We're not big headed because there's a long way to go to blend the team together. Star players don't necessarily make a star team but if the players work as hard as our committee I'm confident we'll do well."

"When I joined the club, president Guy Spiteri said that Ajax lacked glamor. That situation has changed dramatically. Now players ring us up hoping to join and the club has more prestige."

"We've publicised our signings, not just for the sake of our spectators but to glamorise the State League. Preston's move to the PSL has left a hole in the attractiveness of the league. Let's hope other clubs follow our example and start to do something to build themselves up. The VSF should appreciate our attempts to glamorise our club and in so doing sell the State League to the soccer public."

Gardiner often has stated that he started coaching too early so he should enjoy this chance to concentrate on playing. He's a confident, assertive player and he has a definite perspective on coaching, or commenting and demonstrating as he calls it.

Is it possible that he could clash with McLachlan over coaching techniques?

"We've agreed on my role at Ajax. I'm the player and Bobby's the coach. It's as simple as that," said Gardiner.

McLachlan greed with his new sweeper.

"John and I were team mates at George Cross for three years and we always got on well. I've tremendous respect for him as a player and I hope he has the same respect for me as a coach."

Spiteri scoffed at suggestions that Gardiner and McLachlan would clash.

"We've made it clear to John that his role here is as a player," said Spiteri.

"Bobby McLachlan will coach us this year and that's that. I'll go on record as saying that if McLachlan leaves I'll leave. The best thing that's happened to Ajax is Guy Spiteri. The second best thing is Bobby McLachlan."

But Gardiner has the last word.

"In five years with Croatia we had tremendous success. The players were really great and although we had virtually a new committee every year we still managed to do well. The supporters have been good and I'm sorry that's it had to end."

"I wish Croatia well this year and I hope they finish second in the league."



John Gardiner holds aloft one of the many trophies won during his stay with Essendon Croatia.



This sketch of South Melbourne Gunners and Australian star Alan Davidson was submitted by 13 year old soccer enthusiast Adrian O'Rourke from Glen Waverley, Victoria.

## Mickey Mouse World Cup bid by NZ?

By PAUL MOON

**At the conclusion of his team's five day training camp, held in late January, New Zealand manager John Adshead surprisingly announced that the get-togethers previously scheduled for February and March had been cancelled.**

The New Zealand team therefore will not meet again until April 17, just ten days prior to the first clash with Australia.

Adshead decided to shelve the training sessions after a number of players had revealed that their employment would be in jeopardy if they sought a further ten days off work.

Three members of the New Zealand "B" team returned from Malaysia's prestigious Merdeka Tournament in October to find themselves unemployed.

Another factor in the decision was the New Zealand Football Association's reluctance to pay trans-Tasman air fares to the squad's five PSL players — Steve Sumner, Glen Dods, Richard Wilson, Duncan Cole and Clive Campbell.

The national body's financial plight has resulted in the premature retirement of one of the country's leading players — Duncan Ormond.

A frustrated Ormond, the sole goalscorer in the last clash with the Socceros, described the World Cup build up as "Mickey Mouse" due to Adshead's

inability to implement a worthwhile programme because of the uncertainty over the amount of money available to him.

Adshead however appears optimistic, claiming that his squad has already reached its physical and psychological peak and further training camps would be superfluous.

The former West Australian state coach also can gain comfort from the fact that his job is safe — at least until the conclusion of the World Cup campaign.

A move to unseat Adshead in favour of National Director of Coaching Allan Jones failed narrowly, despite the fact that the prestige of the latter is sky high amongst the New Zealand soccer fraternity following the success of his team in the Oceania Youth Tournament late last year.

Currently 22 players strong, the New Zealand squad will be reduced to 18 in March. No warm-up games have been arranged.

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## THE VICTORIAN SCENE

## McGORIAN MUDDLE

Anyone who gets involved in buying players on the local market is crazy. Ask John Pryde, director of coaching with Victorian State League club Frankston City.

"I've got a list of overseas players as long as my arm and most of them could be brought here for about \$3,000 including air fares.

Frankston was in the market for Slavia striker Mick McGorian but according to Pryde, Slavia's asking fee was prohibitive.

"I'll offer \$2,500 cash for McGorian, which is a fair offer for a player Slavia got for about \$300," he said.

Frankston treasurer Les Smith agrees.

"It's a ridiculous situation," said Smith.

"McGorian was a reserve team player in his first year with Slavia and because he scored a few goals in the firsts last year the club's slapped \$6,000 around his neck.

Slavia secretary Vince French is adamant that McGorian will play with Slavia this year.

"We've told Mick that if he helps us to get back into the State League this year we'll find him a better club than Frankston in 1982.

"We won't give McGorian to anyone," he added.

Yet McGorian flew to Sydney last weekend to trial with NSW State League club Sydney Croatia.

Frankston is adopting a harsher disciplinary line with its players. Smith fully support the club's policy.

"We've transfer-listed winger Bruce Young and I think our fee of \$3,000 is very reasonable," he added.

"Young wasn't put on the list because of doubts about his ability; rather it was because of his attitude toward the coaching set-up.

"For too long some players have ruled the roost down at Frankston and we're trying to change that situation.



John Pryde

"We expect our players to act in a professional manner in all their dealings with the club. We too have to act professionally toward our players.

"The players are properly paid and at the right time from now on."

Scottish guest player Pat McCuskey will be here for seven games and will arrive at the end of April after his club, Premier League side Aldridge, has ended its league program.

Carl Holford will arrive from England toward the end of this month and Scottish striker Charlie Egan should arrive in the second week of March.

Egan is playing on loan with Scottish Second Division club Albion Rovers. Albion manager Sam Goodwin range Pryde to ask for the use of the young striker.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

## Cowan out, five new men in

Victorian State League club George Cross has transfer listed striker Tony Cowan.

Cowan, 25, has a \$4,000 maximum transfer clause in his contract. He couldn't come to terms with Cross over a new contract.

In a buying spree which netted four players late last week Cross spent \$9,400.

Midfielder Dave Rigby crossed from Hakoah for \$4,000. Brian Flaherty was bought from Metro First Division club Kellor Austria for \$2,500. Harry McKinlay came from Croydon for \$2,200 and Altona sold Brendon Farmer for \$700.

Cross president Alf Zahra was pleased with the financial response from his supporters.

"Our people have come to the fore and gave us the finances we needed.

"I'm sorry to see Tony Cowan go for transfer but I want to make it clear that he's not in dispute with the club.

"Believe you me he's a much better player than he's shown himself to be at George Cross. We believe he could go on to bigger and better things with the club of his choice."



Gus McLeod (left) with another Ajax recruit, Peter Lewis from Altona.

## Gus stood in for McQueen

Green Gully Ajax fans expect big things from their new Scottish striker Gus McLeod.

McLeod, a robust, no-nonsense goalscorer, has had spells with Albion Rovers, St

Mirren, Hamilton Academicals and Berwick Rangers in the Scottish League.

During the course of five seasons in the League (1971-76) he made 84 full appearances and 34 as substitute, scoring 35 goals.

Although used almost exclusively as a central striker, McLeod replaced Gordon McQueen at centre half following the Scottish international's transfer from St Mirren to Leeds United in 1973.

McLeod however was not happy in the heart of defence and his career there lasted just three matches.

For the past four years he has played in the Central Regional League.

Although this competition is two grades below the Scottish League, attendances are often far superior to those of the senior clubs.

McLeod's last club, Pollok, situated in one of the most popular areas of Glasgow, regularly attract crowds of over 5,000.

Observers in Scotland believe that 28-year-old McLeod, a prolific scorer with Pollok, is at his peak.

— PAUL MOON

## Frankston no way: Lowe

Nick Lowe is adamant that he won't play with Victorian State League club Frankston this season.

Lowe claims that Frankston owes him money from last year.

"If the money owed to me had been paid a couple of weeks ago I would have given a great deal of thought to signing with Frankston," said Lowe.

"Now I've totally disregarded the possibility of signing there."

Lowe has been linked with Hakoah, Croydon and Sunshine.



Nick Lowe

## Want an Irish star?

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## Ramos gives Box Hill Cup win

Box Hill A won the annual Monash — "Attack" Australia Day tournament by beating Meko Holdings 1-0 in the final.

Pedro Ramos scored the winning goal after a long cross from Ray Sherman.

Details:

GROUP A:

Tarax 1 Chadstone 1, Meko Holdings 2 Monash 0, Rosebud 0 Chadstone 0, West Utd 0 Box Hill "A" 3, Tarax 0 Meko Holdings 0, Monash 1

Rosebud 2, West Utd 0 Tarax 3, Meko Holdings 3 West Utd 0, Box Hill "A" 2 Rosebud 1, West Utd 0 Monash 1, Box Hill "A" 1 Meko Holdings 0, Chadstone 2 Monash 1, Tarax 1 Rosebud 0, Box Hill "A" 2

Tarax 0, Chadstone 0 Meko Holdings 3, West Utd 0 Rosebud 1, Tarax 0 Monash 0, Box Hill "A" 2 Chadstone 0, Monash 0 Box Hill "A" 1, Meko Holdings 1 Rosebud 0, West Utd 0 Chadstone 1

Final standings: Box Hill "A" 12 pts, Meko Holdings 9,

Tarax 7, Chadstone 6, Rosebud 5, Monash 3, West Utd 0

GROUP B: Ansett 3 Melb Uni 0, Balacava "A" 0 Chelsea "A" 0, Intercity 0 Wellington High 1, Latrobe 1 Box Hill "B" 1, Pines 0 Chelsea 0, Ansett 4 Interity 1, Melb Uni 1 Wellington 1, Balacava "A" 2 Latrobe 0, Box Hill "B" 0 Pines 3, Ansett 0 Wellington 0, Interity 0 Chelsea "A" 1, Melb Uni 0 Balacava "B" 1, Wellington 2 Pines 0, Latrobe 1 Melb Uni 4, Interity 0 Box Hill "B" 0, Ansett 5 Balacava "B" 2, Interity 0 Pines 1, Melb Uni 2 Box Hill "B" 0, Ansett 0 Chelsea 1, Balacava "B" 2 Pines 0, Wellington 4 Latrobe 0, Melb Uni 2 Interity 0, Ansett 1 Latrobe 0, Wellington 2 Balacava "B" 2, Ansett 0 Box Hill "B" 1, Melb Uni 0 Pines 3, Chelsea 1 Latrobe 0, Wellington 2 Chelsea 0, Ansett 1 Pines 0, Interity 1 Latrobe 0, Melb Uni 0 Chelsea 0, Balacava 0 Box Hill 2, Lat-

robe 0 Pines 1, Interity 2 Balacava "B" 1, Wellington 1 Box Hill 1

Standings: Well High 13, Ansett 12, Pines 9, Chelsea 8, Balacava 8, Melb Uni 7, Box Hill "B" 7, Interity 5, Latrobe 0

GROUP C: Hampton 1 Bowater 0, ANZ Bank 0 Dallas Utd 0, Ringwood 1 Age 0, AC Split 5, Balacava "B" 0, Collyer Watson 0 Dallas Utd 0, Hampton 0 Ringwood 0, Bowater 1 Age 0, ANZ Bank 1 AC Split 3, Balacava "B" 3 Collyer W. 0, Hampton 0 Age 0, Bowater 0 ANZ 2, Ringwood 0 Dallas Utd 0, AC Split 3 Bowater 0, Hampton 0 ANZ 0, Ringwood 0 Balacava "B" 0, Age 2 Collyer W. 1, Hampton 0 Dallas Utd 2, Bowater 1 Balacava "B" 2, Ringwood 0 Collyer W. 1, Age 0 AC Split 4, Dallas Utd 2 Balacava "B" 0, ANZ Bank 0 Collyer W. 1, Bowater 0 Ringwood 2, Age 0 ANZ 3, Dallas Utd 0 AC Split 0, Balacava "B" 1 Hampton 0, ANZ 1

Balacava "B" 0, Ringwood 1 AC Split 3, Hampton 1 Collyer W. 0, Age 1 Dallas Utd 1, ANZ 2 Ringwood 0, Balacava "B" 0 Age 0, Bowater 0 Dallas Utd 1, AC Split 1 Collyer W. 0

Standings: AC Split 15, Dallas Utd 11, ANZ Bank 10, Balacava "B" 8, Hampton 7, Ringwood 7, Collyer Watson 5, Age 5, Bowater 4

GROUP D: Lalor Utd 0 Stone Platt 0, Hotham 2 Melb Uni Amateurs 1, Bosch 2 Karungal Utd 0, Lalor Utd 0 Bosch 0, Mornington 1 Melb Uni A. 0, Karungal Utd 0 Stone Platt 1, Westhall Utd 1 Mornington 0, Lalor Utd 0 Karungal Utd 0, Bosch 2 Melb Uni A. 0, Stone Platt 0 Hotham 1, Karungal Utd 1 Mornington 1, Westhall Utd 1 Bosch 1, Lalor Utd 0 Hotham 2, Bosch 1 Mornington 0, Stone Platt 1 Westhall Utd 0, Melb Uni A. 0 Lalor Utd 0, Hotham 0 Mornington 1, Hampton 0 AC Split 2, Melb Uni A. 0 Westhall Utd 2, Stone Platt 0, Bosch 1, Kar-

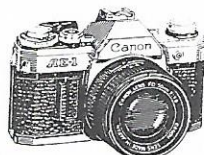
ngal Utd 0 Hotham 0, Stone Platt 0 Mornington 1, Westhall Utd 2 Lalor Utd 1, Stone Platt 0 Mornington 1, Karungal Utd 1 Melb Uni A. 0, Lalor Utd 0 Mornington 1, Stone Platt 1 Melb Uni A. 0, Hotham 2 Westhall Utd 0, Bosch 1 Hotham 0, Karungal Utd 2 Westhall Utd 0

Standings: Bosch 12, Mornington 9, Hotham 9, Westhall Utd 7, Karungal Utd 7, Stone Platt 5, Lalor Utd 4, Melb Uni A. 1

FINALS: Quarters: Mornington 0 AC Split 0 (Mornington through on penalties), Box Hill 1 Ansett 0, Meko Holdings 0 Wellington High (Meko Holdings through on penalties), Bosch 1 Dallas Utd 0

Semis: Box Hill 0 Mornington 0 (Box Hill through on penalties), Meko Holdings 0 Bosch 0 (Meko through on penalties)

Final: Box Hill 1 Meko Holdings 0



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The picture shows Eddie Vega of Albion Rovers (right) scoring the deciding goal in the 1980 Victorian under-14 cup final against Mooroolbark. Albion won after extra time.

Our reader's picture this week has been submitted by R. McLeod of 6 Renwick Road, Ferntree Gully, Victoria.



# Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP GREEN GULLY AJAX



**SOCCER ACTION**

Standing, from left: Bill Morrey (from Marine, England, 1980), Kevin Wall (from Frankston City, 1981), Peter Lewis (Altona City, 1981), Lou Denys (St. Albans 1977), Gus McLeod (Pollock, Scotland, 1981), Stuart Cernell (Altona 1981), Michael Lukac (junior) (Garry Bennett (Winesford Utd., England, 1980).  
Front: Steve Crilly (Sunshine City 1978), David Perkin (from England, 1978), Grant Smart (Essendon Croatia, 1980), Andy Segi (from juniors), Kit Grechan (Western Suburbs 1981), Dave Hoggan (juniors), Willie Vassallo (Floriana, Malta, 1977). Inset: John Gardner (Croatia, 1981).

● Green Gully Ajax has embarked on an ambitious buying spree with the \$10,000 it received from Brisbane City for sweeper Jimmy Dunne. The aim of coach Bobby McLachlan, president Guy Spiteri and the Ajax committee is to loosen the stranglehold Essendon Croatia has had on most State League competitions. Ajax was promoted to the State League for the 1977 season and is biggest success since winning the Ampol Cup in 1979, when Billy Voitek was player-coach. Leading players at Ajax are former Maltese national team captain Willie Vassallo, long-serving State representative John Gardner (ex-Croatia, Hellas, George Cross) and, if he lives up to his reputation, new Scottish striker Gus McLeod.



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**P.O. BOX 534, NORWOOD, S.A., 5067**  
**SECRETARY:** C. Picarello (08) 223 0230 (Bus).  
**COACH:** B. D'Ottavi  
**GROUND:** Olympic Sportsfield, Kensington  
 (08) 332 5614, 332 5618  
**COLOURS:** Black, white



This week's match: v **CANBERRA ARROWS** at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm.

## ADELAIDE HAWKS

**G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE, SA, 5001**  
**SECRETARY:** P. Stilianopolous (08) 352 1494  
**COACH:** B. Birch  
**GROUND:** Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St.  
**COLOURS:** Blue white stripes, blue shorts  
**SPONSOR:** Dominion Finance



This week's match: v **BLACKTOWN DEMONS** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

## BLACKTOWN DEMONS

**62 SEVEN HILLS ROAD NORTH, SEVEN HILLS 2147**  
**624 3344**

**SECRETARY:** P. R. Thorne (624 3344)  
**COACH:** R. Rasic  
**GROUND:** Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills  
**COLOURS:** White, red blk trim  
 Black, red white trim Black, red white  
 This week's match: v **ADELAIDE HAWKS** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



## BRISBANE GLADIATORS

**P.O. BOX 265 BROADWAY, BRISBANE 4001**  
**Ph: 356 8834**

**SECRETARY:** G. Canale (07) 52 4711  
**COACH:** G. Potter  
**GROUND:** Spencer Park  
**SPONSOR:** Stock 84 Brandy



This week's match: v **SYDNEY SLICKERS** at Sydney Sports Ground (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

## BRISBANE LIONS

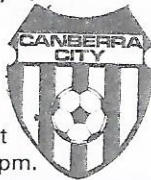
**P.O. BOX 310 DARRA, QLD, 4076**  
**SECRETARY:** L. Oudendyk  
**COACH:** M. Carson  
**GROUND:** Lions Stadium, Pine Rd., Richlands  
 (07) 372 2989  
**COLOURS:** Orange and Blue



This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS** at Lions Stadium (Brisbane) Sunday 2 pm.

## CANBERRA ARROWS

**P.O. BOX 910 CANBERRA CITY, ACT 2601 (062) 48 8215**  
**SECRETARY:** R. Preston 48 8215  
**COACH:** G. Murray  
**GROUND:** National Athletic Stadium, Bruce  
**SPONSOR:** "Lotto"  
**COLOURS:** White with multi colour stripes



This week's match: v **ADELAIDE GIANTS** at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm.

## HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

**P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066**  
**MANAGER:** O. Norris 792 9348 (Bus)  
 459 4652 (AH)  
**SECRETARY:** S. Rombotis 428 3720  
**COACH:** M. Polukakis  
**GROUND:** Olympic Park (03) 42 0642  
**COLOURS:** Blk and gold



This week's match: v **WOLLONGONG WOLVES** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3pm.

## FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

**P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182**  
**SECRETARY:** L. Tanovski, 470 4734  
**COACH:** C. Cirkovic  
**GROUND:** Schintler Reserve, Footscray Road, Footscray  
**COLOURS:** Blue, white, red.



This week's match: v **LEICHHARDT STRIKERS** at Schintler Reserve (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

## LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

**38-42 FRAZER ST, LEICHHARDT, 2040**  
**SECRETARY:** H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688  
**COACH:** W. Wallace  
**GROUND:** Lambert Park, 569 6845 (match day)  
**PROMOTION OFFICER:** T. Raciti 82 0187  
**COLOURS:** Maroon, sky blue



This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY EAGLES** at Schintler Reserve (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

## NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

**4 NORTHWOOD ST, ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, 2289**  
**SECRETARY:** P. Trisley (049) 24 930 (Bus)

**COACH:** A. VEST  
**GROUND:** International Sports Centre, Turton Rd, New Lambton (049) 52 1224  
**SPONSOR:** Tooth & Co, Brewers of KB Beer



This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Lions Stadium (Brisbane) Sunday 2 pm.

## MARCONI LEOPARDS

**MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, NSW 2176**  
**SECRETARY:** M. Urukalo (02) 604 5095

**604 5222**  
**COACH:** R. Blanco  
**GROUND:** Marconi Stadium, Marconi Rd, Bossley Park  
**COLOURS:** White & red, blue trim  
**SPONSOR:** Datsun  
 This week's match: v **PRESTON RAMS** at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



## PRESTON RAMS

**211 SMITH ST, FITZROY, VIC 3065**

**SECRETARY:** P. Mouka 651 2401  
**COACH:** B. Edgley  
**GROUND:** B. T. Connor Reserve, Cnr Radford Rd & Broadhurst Ave, Reservoir.  
**COLOURS:** Red, black, gold

This week's match: v **MARCONI LEOPARDS** at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

## STH. MELBOURNE GUNNERS

**P.O. BOX 64, ST KILDA WEST, Vic, 3182**  
**HONORARY SECRETARY:** N. Sagiakos,

528 6196 (Bus) (Restaurant 534 4141)  
**COACH:** J. Margaritis  
**GROUND:** Middle Park Stadium, Middle Park.  
**COLORS:** Blue and white.



This week's match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIANS** at Pratten Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

## SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

**P.O. BOX 291 WATERLOO, N.S.W. 2017**  
**SECRETARY:** N. Smilis 88 1337

**COACH:** T. Docherty  
**GROUND:** Pratten Park  
**COLOURS:** Royal blue, white



This week's match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE GUNNERS** at Pratten Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

## SYDNEY SLICKERS

**61 HALL ST, BONDI, N.S.W. 2026**  
**SECRETARY:** D. Childs (02) 30 3344 (Bus)  
 (AH) 525 7734

**COACH:** E. Thomson  
**GROUND:** Sydney Sports Ground  
**SPONSOR:** Presto Smallgoods  
**COLOURS:** Sky blue, white hoops  
 (White shorts) red socks



This week's match: v **BRISBANE GLADIATORS** at Sydney Sports Ground (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

## WOLLONGONG WOLVES

**P.O. BOX 1706 WOLLONGONG**  
**SECRETARY:** R. Drake (042) 29 2018 (Bus)

**COACH:** K. Morton  
**GROUND:** Wollongong Showgrounds  
**COLOURS:** Red, white trim

This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG WARRIORS** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.